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SENATOR REGINA BARROW TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS NEW DISTRICT 15 STATE SENATOR

Regina Ashford Barrow is the new state senator for Senate District 15. The Baton Rouge Democrat is one of eleven new members sworn in during an organizational session of the Senate at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

"I am truly humbled and honored to be once again selected by the residents of my city and community to be their voice in our state government," said Sen. Barrow. "I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in the legislature and with the citizens of Senate District 15 to bring meaningful change to the city of Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana."

One of the newly seated senator's highest priorities is to increase health care access to citizens not only across the state, but especially in the Baton Rouge area where citizens have struggled for quality health care access since the closure of hospitals and emergency rooms. Sen. Barrow says that a big part of this struggle has been on the shoulders of mental health patients.

"Ensuring delivery of quality mental health care services is of utmost importance," said Sen. Barrow.

Sen. Barrow said she also plans to continue to focus her attention on economic development, provide tools to address our educational issues and continue her commitment to our state's veterans.

Senator Barrow was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2005. Serving three consecutive terms, she was active on a number of committees including the House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Welfare Committee, the Municipal, Parochial, Cultural Affairs Committee and the Joint Capital Outlay Committee. Senator Barrow is a graduate of the Flemmings Fellow Leadership Institute Fellow and the Council of State Government-Center for Advancement of Leadership. In addition, she will be pursuing her degree in Business Administration over the next four years.

She is also the state director for Women in Government and Women in Legislature Lobby and the regional chair for the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She was also the executive director of RIZ Up Louisiana.

Senator Barrow and her husband, James, have two children, James Barrow, Jr. and Shanrika Barrow Fobb, a son-in law, Derrick Fobb, Sr. and two grandsons, Jeremiah and Derrick Jr.